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SUBJECT: COTTON TEXTILE CATEGORY 218

CONGEN IS REQUESTED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERN-  
ING 218 TEXTILE TRADE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN DCI:

(A) U.S. REVIEW OF IMPORT STATISTICS FOR CATEGORY 218  
INDICATES MAJOR PROBLEMS EXIST BOTH IN CLASSIFICATION  
AND IN EA AUTHORIZATION LEVELS.

(B) CURRENTLY APPROVED EA LEVEL OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION  
DOZEN FOR CATEGORY 218 WOULD MAKE HONG KONG THE LARGEST  
SUPPLIER IN THIS CATEGORY WITH ABOUT 200,000 DOZEN MORE  
THAN SECOND SUPPLIER, KOREA. CATEGORY 218 IS AMONG U.S.  
MOST SENSITIVE CATEGORIES.

(C) COMPARISON U.S. AND HONG KONG STATISTICS FOR  
CATEGORY 218 FOR AGREEMENT YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, SHOW  
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THAT U.S. IMPORTS ARE ONLY TWO THIRDS OF HONG KONG'S EXPORT

AUTHORIZATIONS. WE BELIEVE THIS IS DUE TO CLASSIFICATION PROBLEM RAISED WITH DCI DURING RECENT CONSULTATIONS (FOR EXAMPLE, HONG KONG CLASSIFICATION OF LONG SLEEVED KNIT SHIRTS AS T-SHIRTS) HONG KONG WELL AWARE OF U.S. CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES IN THIS CATEGORY.

(D) UNLESS HONG KONG HAS ALIGNED ITS CLASSIFICATION OF 218 WITH THAT OF U.S., WE BELIEVE LEVEL OF EA'S AUTHORIZED FOR CATEGORY 218 HIGHLY OVERSTATED IN RELATIONSHIP TO U.S. IMPORTS AND THAT THIS YEAR WILL AGAIN SHOW SUBSTANTIAL OVERSHIPMENT IN CATEGORY 219.

(E) WE BELIEVE CLASSIFICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THESE TWO CATEGORIES WILL CLARIFY PICTURE AND WILL SHOW THAT HONG KONG ACTUALLY HAS GOOD DEAL OF ADDITIONAL ROOM IN CATEGORY 218 AT THE PRESENT EA LEVEL. KISSINGER

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